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FOR ASST SECTY KUBISCH FROM CHARGE

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFO, JM

SUBJ: JAMAICAN- AMERICAN RELATIONS

REF: STATE 119055

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND OFFER OF HELP IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS WE FACE IN KINGSTON. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ONE TDY OFFICER AND PERSONNEL HAS PROMISED FURTHER HELP, BUT I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOU COULD DO TO KEEP PERSONNEL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT OUR SUMMER VISA RUSH, WHICH CONSISTS OF STUDENTS AS WELL AS TOURISTS, WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER. AS A RESULT OF OUR FORMAL REQUEST TO THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT, THE QUESTION OF A MORE COMFORTABLE WAITING AREA IS NOW IN THEIR COURT, BUT I AM KEEPING MY FINGERS CROSSED THAT THEY WILL TAKE SOME ACTION BEFORE THERE IS A DISTURBANCE OF SOME SORT ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE CHANCERY.

2. I FEEL I WOULD BE REMISS, HOWEVER, IF I DID NOT DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE CURRENT STATE OF JAMAICAN- AMERICAN RELATIONS. THIS RESULTS FROM THE MANY CHANGES NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. SINCE I AM PERSONALLY INVOLVED, IT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF DETACHMENT. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK I MUST POINT OUT THAT IN THE MIDST OF THE CUNNING ULCER THAT IS OUR VISA PROBLEM AND IN THE MIDST OF A CONFRONTATION OVER DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS ( KINGSTON 1993), WE ARE ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF PERSONNEL SHIFTS, TO WHICH THE ONLY RECENT PARALLEL OF WHICH I AM AWARE TOOK PLACE

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IN SWEDEN EARLIER THIS YEAR. IF THIS IS THE SIGNAL WE INTEND TO GIVE THE JAMAICANS, SO BE IT, BUT A SIGNAL OF THIS SORT SEEMS HARDLY CONSISTENT WITH THE HIGH- LEVEL AMERICAN STATEMENT MADE IN OUR PRESENCE RECENTLY IN KINGSTON THAT " JAMAICA IS A SPECIAL FRIEND TOWARD WHOM WE HAVE SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS."

3. THE NOTIFICATION WHICH I RECEIVED THIS MORNING THROUGH THE DIRGEN CHANNEL ( STATE 119666) THAT MY REPLACEMENT, MR. HEWITT , WOULD ARRIVE THIS WEEK SO THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME OVERLAP IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR, IS A WELCOME STEP WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ALLAY ANY POSSIBLE JAMAICAN MISINTERPRETATIONS OF OUR INTENTIONS TOWARD THIS COUNTRY. SINCE OUR INTERESTS ON THIS ISLAND ARE CONSIDERABLE AND SINCE I BELIEVE THAT CLOSE JAMAICAN- AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THESE INTERESTS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING MR. HEWITT AND ME WITH ANY NEWS OF SUBSTANTIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE MOVES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHICH WE COULD USE TO REASSURE THE JAMAICANS DURING THIS PERIOD OF PERSONNEL CHANGES.  
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